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Mr. Speaker, it has been barely over 100 days since the Recovery Act was passed by this Congress and signed into law by President Obama. Since the recession began, Americans have understandingly been worried about our Nation's future and their own economic future.

Because of the Recovery Act, we have created and saved over 150,000 jobs, cut taxes for 95 percent of Americans, and made funds available for over 4,000 transportation projects across the country. We have made progress in a short time, but there is still a lot more to do on the road to recovery. I commend President Obama on his efforts to speed up those efforts to get Americans back to work even faster.

The Department of Transportation is quickly putting \$27.5 billion to work creating jobs in my home State of Missouri and across the country to rebuild and repair highways, roads, and bridges. By the end of 2010, the funds will have created or saved an additional 150,000 jobs.

Investments in our national transportation system are critical to our long-term economic success, and part of getting there will be putting people back to work rebuilding America on the road to recovery.